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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Interested Parties

FROM: Terry Tamminen
Agency Secretary 

DATE: August 27, 2004

SUBJECT: INTRA-AGENCY ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE STRATEGY

I am pleased to announce that the California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA) has finalized our Intra-agency Environmental Justice Strategy (EJ strategy). The EJ strategy sets forth Cal/EPA's environmental justice mission, vision, core values, goals, and objectives. It will guide Cal/EPA's Boards, Departments and Office (BDOs) in identifying and addressing gaps in programs, policies and activities that may impede the achievement of environmental justice.

The intra-agency EJ strategy is the product of a multi-year collaboration between the Cal/EPA Interagency Working Group on Environmental Justice, the Cal/EPA Advisory Committee on Environmental Justice, and other EJ stakeholders (including community, local government, business, industry, and Tribal representatives). The EJ strategy provides the foundation for addressing environmental justice issues and shall be reviewed regularly and revised as necessary in consideration of evolving environmental justice issues, programs, policies, and activities. The EJ strategy is available from Cal/EPA's EJ Program website at www.calepa.ca.gov/EnvJustice or by request via EnvJustice@calepa.ca.gov or by mail to: Cal/EPA – Office of the Secretary, Cal/EPA EJ Program, P.O. Box 2815, Sacramento, California, 95812.

Thank you for your interest on this important component of Cal/EPA's efforts toward ensuring all Californians a clean and healthy environment. Should you have questions regarding the EJ strategy, please contact Ms. Tam Doduc, Deputy Secretary for Environmental Quality, at (916) 324-7582.